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My Dear -

I came to this place today, & shall remain here at Cabotville, until Saturday. I had a very large audience at Worcester, & the result is a very thorough interest, amongst the working men of that place. They will very soon have another division organized there. But do you believe our good Associationists in Boston who enjoy their fine meetings & pleasant chats & labors have any conception of the very irksome labors of their humble friend who loves you so well. One would love dearly to be always in the society of refined, intelligent & liberal minds. But may it not be well for us to know by personal experience, how poverty & want of sympathy, dwarfs our nature? how a round of degrading services & labors debases our whole manhood? If I did not feel that it would be mean, to <sup>shrink</sup> away from even the ~~lowest~~ <sup>lowest</sup> ~~menial~~ of the race, I would ~~at times~~ take the solitude of pioneer life & the "wide birth" which nature offers the savage, rather than suffer the infliction, of meeting so many crushed & half-instructed natures. But there is an earnest purpose at the base of all natures, which we can but respect because it belongs to all humanity.



The working men of this place in so far as I have seen are not so intelligent as they are in Worcester. & I do not expect to do nearly so well for the paper here as there. but we must <sup>"wait"</sup> until after election, as the saying goes, to know who is governing.

I went into the Boston Union Room on Monday I saw our dear Ellen, & had a charming time with her. She is very lovely. I wish the good friends who meet in that room from time to time could but know what they enjoy - I hope they will not allow themselves to be lulled into a "comal repose". I saw quite a lot of beautiful things - among others, two or three little books of beautiful wild flowers & autumn leaves. & it seemed to me I had others like them. But they were the first things among all the beautiful, which attracted my attention.

The time is going to seem pretty long but I shall not be home before Saturday I think. I hope dearest you are well. & that we shall both live through the separation.

Ever your John.



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